

HOUSE RESOLUTION 222  
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor James E. Eckles, 1996 Salutatorian of  
Tipton-Rosemark Academy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, James E. Eckles is such an outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1996 graduating class at Tipton-Rosemark Academy; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, James has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, James has earned an exceptional grade point average of 4.19; and

WHEREAS, James has received national and statewide recognition for his display of intellectual prowess; he is currently a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, was selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences in 1995, was selected to attend the United State Air Force Academy Summer Scientific Seminar in 1995 and was recognized by the Duke University Talent Identification Program; and

WHEREAS, James was selected into membership of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and the Connie Berlin National Center for Gifted Education; he

represented his school in the Academic Betterment Competition and has placed high each year in school, district and state science fairs; and

WHEREAS, a superb chess player, James has won chess championships at local, state and national levels; he was also voted by his classmates as "Most Academic" and "Most Likely to Succeed"; and

WHEREAS, James has been an active participant in a number of extracurricular clubs and activities, including the Science Club, Drama Club, Bible Club, Chess Club, and Christian Youth Fellowship; he has held various student council and class offices and has been a valuable member of the school's basketball, baseball and football teams; and

WHEREAS, active in the community, James has assisted with elementary school chess programs, organized and participated in a Coats for Kids clothes drive, participated in a Math-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and volunteered in a Memphis soup kitchen; and

WHEREAS, James' noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thom Eckles, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, James' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor James E. Eckles, 1996 Salutatorian of Tipton-Rosemark Academy, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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